

Remarks

Claims 1-20 are pending in the application. Claims 1-7 and 9-13 were rejected, claims 15-20 were allowed, and claims 8 and 14 were objected to. By this Amendment, claims 1, 7-9, 13 and 14 have been amended. Reconsideration of the claims is respectfully requested. No new matter has been added.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 103

Claims 1-7 and 9-13 were rejected under § 103(a) as being unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 3,219,335 issued to Burrige (hereinafter "Burrige '335") in view of U.S. Patent No. 3,736,702 issued to Pickles (hereinafter "Pickles 702"). Applicants have rewritten dependent claims 8 and 14 in independent form including the limitations of any intervening claims. Consequently, all claims are in condition for allowance. Please charge any fees or credit any overpayments as a result of the filing of this paper to our Deposit Account No. 02-3978.

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